

Much esteemed Friend  
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I herewith send thee some tracts lately  
on two very important topics to the true we  
viz. The misuse, as well as abuse, of spirits  
Some farther thoughts on Slavery. This last  
published by John Wesley, the principal preacher  
the Methodists, which I have republished with  
the beginning of this piece is mostly taken from some  
thou hast already seen, but from page 23 to the end, including  
the notes & additions, thou wilt find the observations new &  
deeply affecting. I also send thee another Collection, being a  
translation I lately made of a French Author on which will  
I hope afford thee satisfaction. With respect to the melancholy  
appearance of things between the continent & the  
my dear friend John Wesley writes thus. "I  
if God has not a controversy both with Eng  
for their full grown sins of every kind, in  
excell the very heathen. And there is reason  
he suffers both to be infatuated, that each  
other. Unless a general destruction be preve  
reformation. There are apprehensions  
every lover of his country, or rather, every Christian



id, for whom Christ shed his precious blood, with the  
awe. There is a great stir about Liberty,  
liberty, freedom from the vain, the worldly  
of the mind, the deliverance from which, I  
the end propose but our existence, as well as  
Christ our Lord how little is it sought, after  
French protestants, felt the dreadful effects  
of oppression. They fled from it & were received  
by the British Nation with open arms. I trust we, their Children,  
witness these dreadful effects of despotism: but Oh, that  
we may plead for liberty with moderation, as reasonable men  
as Christians. I am persuaded if steady, resolute, but moderate  
measures, had been & were still pursued, the great & good father  
of the family of Mankind, who watches over his Children for  
their good, would bless those endeavours. harmony & peace would, not  
be restored, but we should have to rejoice in the mutual  
benefit we might reap from an intercourse & beneficial  
union, & the present state. The present appearance  
is indeed painful to such who retain a sight of  
the Gospel. The Emmanuel, God with us, dying  
for us, leaving it as a criterion, that we are his  
as we love one another, even as he has  
frequently hear the people exulting at the  
their number & of their strength. now allowing it  
that they are able to destroy any power which



may be sent against them: yet must not the the  
instrumental in hurrying so many Souls into  
unprepared State; if not in bitterness of en  
dreadful to every thinking feeling mind. &  
Soldiers. be looked upon any otherwise the  
victims to the interest or anger of Men  
honour or true benefit with the destruction  
probably the death of many of our own people  
or rather what anxiety at a dying hour, when <sup>the</sup> vi  
sion <sup>of the mind</sup> must subside, if not sunk into blindness or  
would the consideration thereof occasion: Not to mention the  
dreadful calamity, & increase of corruption of every kind which  
a civil war must occasion. But how stran

it to see the Southern Colonies take such a lead, in what they  
call the cause of liberty, whilst the most horrible oppressions,  
even under the sanction of their Laws, is continually  
practised amongst them. as thou may it see in  
addition, I have made to The Thought of  
it be otherwise, as the french Author expresses  
is such crying injustice in the principle. that  
be the greatest cruelty in the consequence. &  
me to enlarge on these most mournful topics. but  
we may humbly seek to be favoured with the ben  
may be, thereby, preserved from the too often mis  
the human heart, so apt to be influenced & misguided  
flatter our humour, honour or interest. With the best love &  
a few lines, in answer would be very acceptable remain this affectionate Pr



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For

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at Elizabeth Town

Anthony Boudinot  
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